

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 16, 2021

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, November 16, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Robin LaBuwi called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Benjy Johnson. Shane Cockrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Robin LaBuwi, President; Marci Glover, Vice-President; Shane Cockrum, Secretary Pro-tempore; and Robby Cockrum. Board members absent: Mark Dyel, Kenny Irvin, and Mitch Bennett.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Ryan Miller, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Student Council Representative; and Community Members.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Executive Session – Marci Glover made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ryan Miller, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:04 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:45 P.M. Shane Cockrum, Secretary Pro-tempore called the roll. Answering present: Robby Cockrum – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover - yes, and Robin LaBuwi – yes. Board members absent: Mark Dyel, Kenny Irvin, and Mitch Bennett.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Wade Thomas, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Ryan Miller, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Student Council Representative; and Community Members.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2021

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2021

5.2 Approve Financial Report (October 2021)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (October 2021)

Marci Glover made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover - yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Robby Cockrum – yes. Motion Carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Covid regulations and school lawsuits
- County School Facility Occupation Tax
- Roofing Project
- Triple I Conference

Mr. Miller commented on the following:

- Congratulation to football players receiving All-State honors.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS Shawn Craig, parent, addressed the board regarding his son's wrestling picture size & placement in the Rich Herrin Gym.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robby Cockrum made a motion to assign Jason Tieffel as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2021-22 school year. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to assign Damon Wilson as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2021-22 school year. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to assign Micah Ore as a volunteer cheer coach for the 2021-22 school year. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions

9.3 Review/Approve Proposal to Upgrade Existing Security Camera System Robby Cockrum made a motion to approve the proposal to upgrade the existing security camera system. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Accept Annual Financial Report Shane Cockrum made a motion to accept the Annual Financial Report as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve 2021-22 Coaches Handbook Marci Glover made a motion to approve the 2021-22 Coaches Handbook as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Set/Approve Tax Hearing Date and Adopt Tentative Levies Robby Cockrum made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting Proposed Aggregate Tax Levy for the Year 2021 as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.7 Set/Approve E-Learning Hearing Date Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the E-Learning hearing date for December 16, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Robin LaBuwi shared his concern for Mt. Carmel hosting football playoff games.

11. ADJOURNMENT Marci Glover made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 P.M. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.